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ABANDON HOPE, ALL YE WHO
PASS THROUGH THIS GATE
(FROM MILTON'S 'PARADISE LOST')

『汝ら、この門をくぐる者は
全ての希望を捨てよ』

(「失楽園」ジョン・ミルトン)

NEEDLESS

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VOLUME.1

IMAI KAMI
今井神

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WELL...

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SHALL WE BEGIN THE HUNT?

ガールズ

THE HUNT OF THE NEEDLESS!

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JAPAN, 2130 AD, SHORTLY AFTER THE THIRD WORLD WAR. GIGANTIC CONTAMINATED REGIONS HAVE ERUPTED ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY, CALLED 'BLACK SPOTS'.
BLACK SPOTS ARE TREATED AS RUINS, AND ARE QUARANTINED BY A HUGE WALL. REGARDLESS, THERE WERE THOSE THAT WOULD MAKE THAT RUINED LAND THEIR HOME.
THEY WERE, AT FIRST, IGNORED, BUT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS EMERGED WITH STRANGE POWERS.
FIRE, WIND, GRAVITY... THEY COULD CONTROL THE VERY FORCES OF NATURE. IN FEARFUL IGNORANCE, PEOPLE CALLED THEM 'NEEDLESS!'

#1 プロローグ I

#1 PROLOGUE I

HAH
HURRY! THAT MONSTER'S RIGHT BEHIND US!
HAH
HAH
CRUZ
HAH
HAH
ARCA
EEE!

NEEDLESS EXTERMINATOR
TESTAMENT
A-ARCA
WE HAD SO MANY ALLIES. BUT... THEY WERE ALL USELESS AGAINST ADAM ARCLIGHT!
IT'S OVER FOR US!!
WE'RE DONE FOR...
IT WAS A TRAP...

SHUT UP!!
YOU PLAN ON DYING HERE!?
UHH...
UH...
ESCAPE THROUGH HERE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'LL BE FINE.
I HAVE A FRAGMENT.

ARGA!!
GO, CRUZ!
HAA AAA AAA !!!

HEAT EXPLOSION!
ヒート・エクスプロージョン!!
ARCAAAAAA!!

AH

AH

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD WIN AGAINST NEEDLESS?

AH

AH

AH

AH

CRACK

HEH-HEH.

THIS IS WHY YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TRASH.

MASTER ARCLIGHT, WE'RE ALL FINISHED.
SATEN
UTEN

SHALL WE FOLLOW THEM, ARCLIGHT?

THE ONLY BLACK SPOT RESISTANCE MEMBERS LEFT ARE THAT BROTHER AND SISTER.

NOW ALL THE MAGGOTS THAT WANT TO OPPOSE US, THE SIMEON, ARE ERADICATED

THEY WILL BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR THEM.

NO...

HEHEH ...

THERE ARE SEVERAL 'TESTAMENTS' SCATTERED AROUND.

WEAKNESS
...
IS TRULY
PATHETIC.

SPLASH

UGH...
APGH!
神様ー!
OH, GOD!

EH?

A BIBLE ...
AND CROSS?
YOU'RE A... PRIEST?
SEEMS YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED BY QUITE A TROUBLE-MAKER.

the Needless and orphan will be exterm-inated.
In accordance with violation of public health code article 104,
Entry is forbidden into this area.
L-LOOK OUT!!

HMPH
!!
HE STOPPED THE TESTAMENT!

CHOK-CHOK
HM!
I GUESS THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH!
AAAAHHH!

DAMN, IT'S A NEW MODEL WITH MACHINE GUN ARMA-MENTS
AH! WAWAH!
HUH? UH, WELL.
I DON'T ...
WHAT'S YOUR FRAGMENT, KID?

PING
DAMNIT !!
AAA AAH! BEHIND YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE, IF YOU AREN'T A NEEDLESS!?
I-I'M SORRY!
SO WHY ARE YOU BEING CHASED BY THE NEW MODEL?
K-----N

ALL THE FATHER HAS BEEN DOING IS RUNNING!

I KNEW I WAS DONE FOR!

ARGH!

THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN COULD

THAT THING IS A MECHANICAL BEAST CREATED TO EXTERMINATE NEEDLESS THAT OPPOSE ARCLIGHT

!!
JUMP, KID!
A BIG ONE'S COMING!
AAAGH!
UGH
CRAP! I'M GONNA BE KILLED!
ARCA.
!
IF HE'S PULLED OUT THE LAUNCHER, THAT MEANS HE'S OUT OF BULLETS.

!!
W-WHAT'S HE...
GOING TO...
BRING IT OUT!
I WANNA SEE YOUR BIG GUNS!

GAAHH!

GRIN
F..
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
FATHER !!

HE GRABBED THE MISSILE
NO WAY...
SO HE COULD BLOW A HOLE IN IT'S ARMOR...
YOU OPENED YOUR ARMOR!!
THIS IS JUDG-EMENT FROM GOD!

VERDICT: DEATH PENALTY
死刑判決

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ッ
THE TESTAMENT'S BRAIN?
IS THAT ...
ハァハァ
ハァハァ
ハァハァ

WHO IN HELL IS THIS GUY!?
この人は一体……
何者なんだ!?

FATHER!
THAT WAS AMAZING! THANK YOU! UM... WHO EXACTLY...
.....
OH! I'M ...
HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT, STUPID?
GUESS I NEED YOUR HELP...
DAMN... AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN A NEEDLESS.
HUH?
KID ...

LISTEN.
GO TO THE CHURCH
IN THE S33 BLOCK...
UGH
F
FATHER !!

NEEDLESS CHARACTER GUIDE

Here is where the various characters appearing in Needless will be introduced. Besides basic stats like their name and height, you'll be able to find out classified information not yet revealed in the story!

How to read the data

Battle power guage. Physical prowess and firepower are combined and displayed as a power level here.

Brainpower guage. Displays the strength of the Fragments used. This affects destructive power and duration of abilities.

Identity Code: The enemy is A (Arclight). Allies are B (Blade). Unknowns are ?.

Character introduction. Interests, habits, et cetera.

Character name.

Name of the ability (Fragment) possessed by the character. Only one sole type of Fragment can be posessed.

Upper box: Fragment description. Lower box: Special ability names

Character data. Sex, age, height, hair color. (Approximations!)

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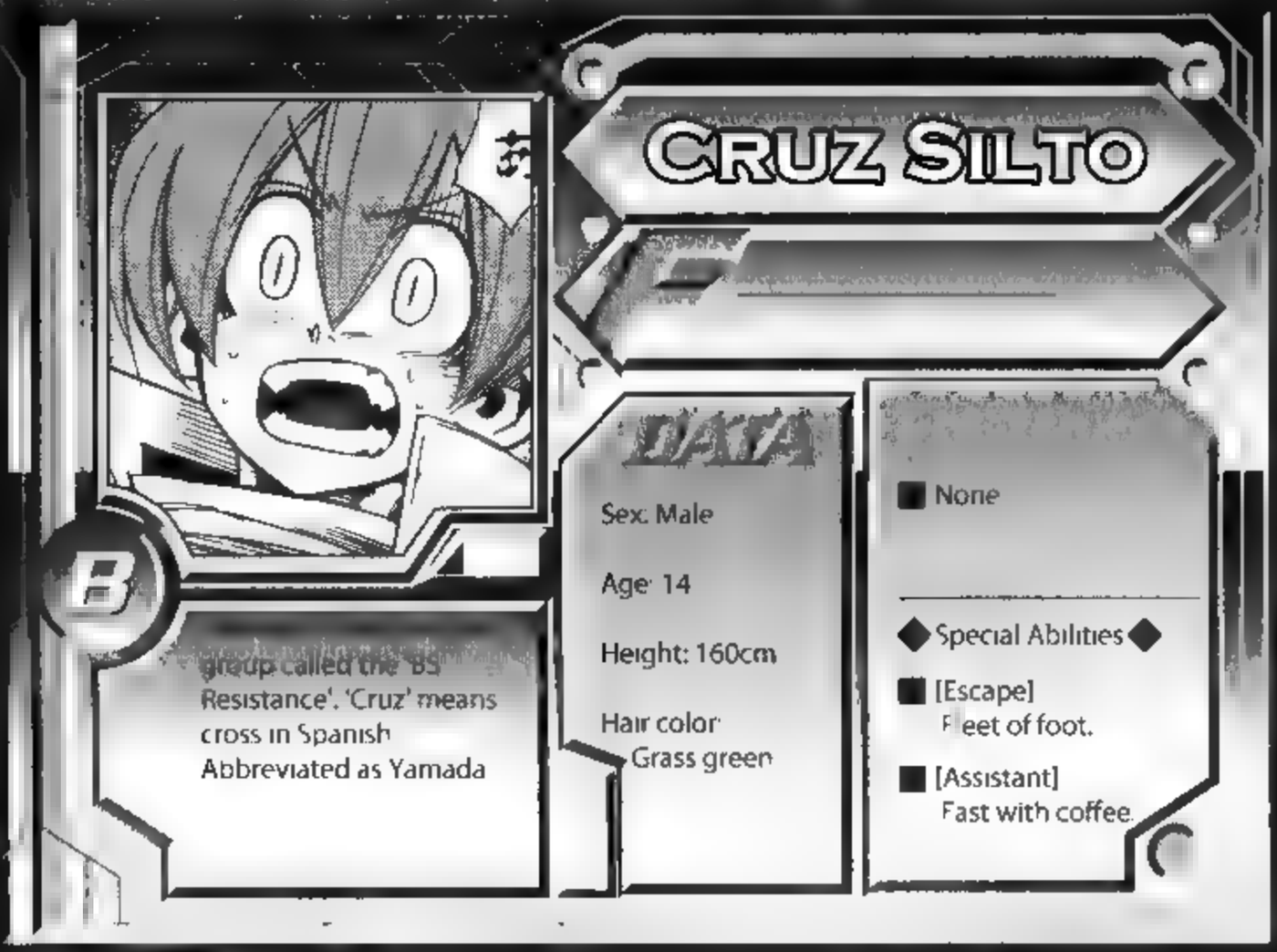


#2 PROLOGUE II
#2 プロローグ其-I
IN THE YEAR 20XX
WORLD WAR III ERUPTS!
BEGINNING WITH TOKYO, ALL MAJOR CITIES WERE TARGETS OF BOMBINGS - EACH ENGULFED BY CRIMSON HELLFIRE.
NEARLY HALF A CENTURY LATER, THESE INFECTED BOMB SITES ARE STILL ISOLATED FROM THE "CITY",
AND UNDER TOKYO'S NIGHT SKY, THEY CREATED A BLACK HOLE.
-ABBREVIATION-

"BLACK SPOT"
「ブラックスポット」

RIRU
IS THE BLACK SPOT REALLY THAT INTERESTING?
ARCLIGHT.

IT'S A UTOPIA!
理想郷だ
.....
YEAH.
IN IT LIES TRUE FREEDOM.
A CITY WITHOUT LAW OR ORDER WHERE ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE.
FOR A GUY LIKE ME.
ADAM ARCLIGHT, SIR.
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND MEN.

REPORT.
IT APPEARS A TESTAMENT UNIT WAS DESTROYED IN THE SEWERS BENEATH BLOCK S20 A SHORT WHILE AGO.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
.....
KAFKA
.....
IN OTHER WORDS, A MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE GOT AWAY
YES, SIR! WE CANNOT LOCATE THE BODY OF A KID NAMED CRUZ.

THIS IS THE LAST IMAGE THE TESTAMENT SENT BEFORE BEING DESTROYED.

NO...

IS HE THE NEEDLESS?

A PRIEST ?

I SEE...

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

THAT PRIEST IS LIKELY THE ONE THAT LET THE BOY FROM THE RESISTANCE ESCAPE.

TELL THIS TO LITEN AND SATEN. THEY'RE ON PATROL.

KILL THAT PRIEST!
IMMED-IATELY!
...YES, SIR.

!

.....
I SEE YOU'RE AWAKE, BLADE.
GUIDO

I WAS PRETTY SURPRISED TO SEE YOU DRAGGED IN HERE LOOKING LIKE THAT.

GUIDO

BY THAT KID?
HE'S RESTING IN THE CHURCH UPSTAIRS.

カン
カン

THIS SHOULD GET YOU OFF MY BACK.
LISTEN, YOU CAN'T BE EXERTING YOURSELF FOR A WHILE
IF YOUR WOUNDS OPEN AGAIN, YOU'LL BE SPITTING ON ALL MY HARD WORK

I'M FEELING PRETTY GOOD.
OH! A TESTAMENT BRAIN!
IMPRESSIVE!

PI
OH,
HELLO EVE ...
PI PI PI
PHEW ...
WHERE DID YOU GO OFF TO, ANYWAY?
YEAH... WELL, CARRIED BACK IS PROBABLY MORE CORRECT.
DID BLADE REALLY COME BACK!?
I'M COMING BACK NOW ! ★
DON'T WORRY ! ♪

HM?
HEH ...
NOT BAD, KID.

YO OH OO!
YO!
EVE!!

すこーん
WELCOME BACK, BLADE!
たたた
EVE
NEUSCHWANSTEIN
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO!?
THAT'S WHAT I WANNA ASK.
OH, NO! WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
YOU WOULD.
UH..
O...
OOOWW

BIG
...
SISTER
...!?

?

hi!!
ARC!!

STOP THAT.
ぎり
ぎり
WHO THE HELL YOU CALLING 'BIG' !?

はっ
IS THIS A DREAM?

GOOD WORK.
I'M BLADE.
THIS SCIENTIST IS GUIDO.
HE'S THE GUY THAT FIXED UP MY ARM.
BESIDES HAVING HIS SKELETAL STRUCTURE REINFORCED BY A SPECIAL METAL, HE'S AN ORDINARY HUMAN
JUST TO BE CLEAR, I'M DEFINITELY HUMAN.
...WHAT!? IT'S ALREADY HEALED!? ARE YOU SOME KINDA CYBORG?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, KID?
OH, MY NAME ...
IT JUST KEEPS GROWING!
I'M EVE NEUSCHWANSTEIN.
IT'S PRETTY LONG, SO YOU CAN CALL ME 'LADY EVE NEUSCHWANSTEIN'.
GET OUTTA THE WAY.
WE'LL CALL YOU YAMADA FOR SHORT!
CRUZ ...
CRUZ SILTO.
WHY WERE YOU BEING CHASED BY A TESTAMENT?
I GOT A QUES-TION FOR YOU.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT ATTACKED SIMEON.
I'M...

THE "CITY" DRUG COMPANY THAT PUT UP THAT BUILDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLACK SPOT?
SIMEON ?

AAA
DOES THAT MEAN ...?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... I HEARD SOME PEOPLE FROM SOMETHING CALLED THE RESISTANCE THAT CAME FROM THE "CITY" AND ATTACKED THE SIMEON CREW...

OOPH!
DAYAAAA!
HUH?
BECAUSE OF YOU EVERYTHING'S A HUGE MESS!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
WHAT...
!

IT'S SIMEON.
THE WHOLE AREA'S BURNT TO THE GROUND!
AS SOON AS THOSE SIMIAN OR WHATEVERS FIND ANYTHING, THEY'RE GONNA COME LOOKING FOR YOU!

YOU REALLY SCREWED UP BIG, JERK!
IT'S TOO LATE NOW! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!
WHAT!? BUT, WE DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT...

SHUT UP!
AGPH!
J... JERK!?

I SEE ...
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ESCAPING THROUGH THE SEWERS.
SHUT UP, YAMADA!
MY NAME IS CRUIZ.
STOP BLABBERING ABOUT THINGS I DON'T UNDERSTAND, YAMADA!
... HUH?
... 'ADAM'?
ADAM! I THINK WE SHOULD HAND THIS IDIOT OVER TO SIMEON!
WE DON'T NEED TO HELP HIM!
!

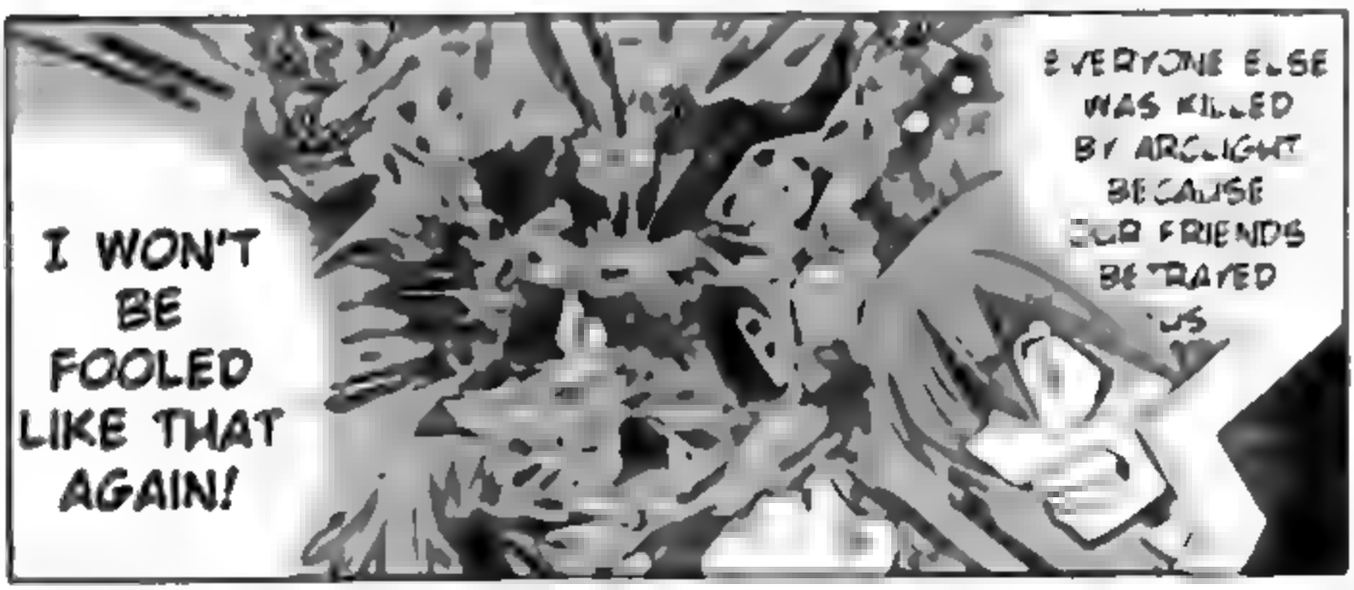
ADAM ...?
.....
I DIDN'T MENTION IT?
I'M ADAM BLADE.
!!
WHAT ?
ゴゴゴ
TH-
TH-
THAT CHOKER ...

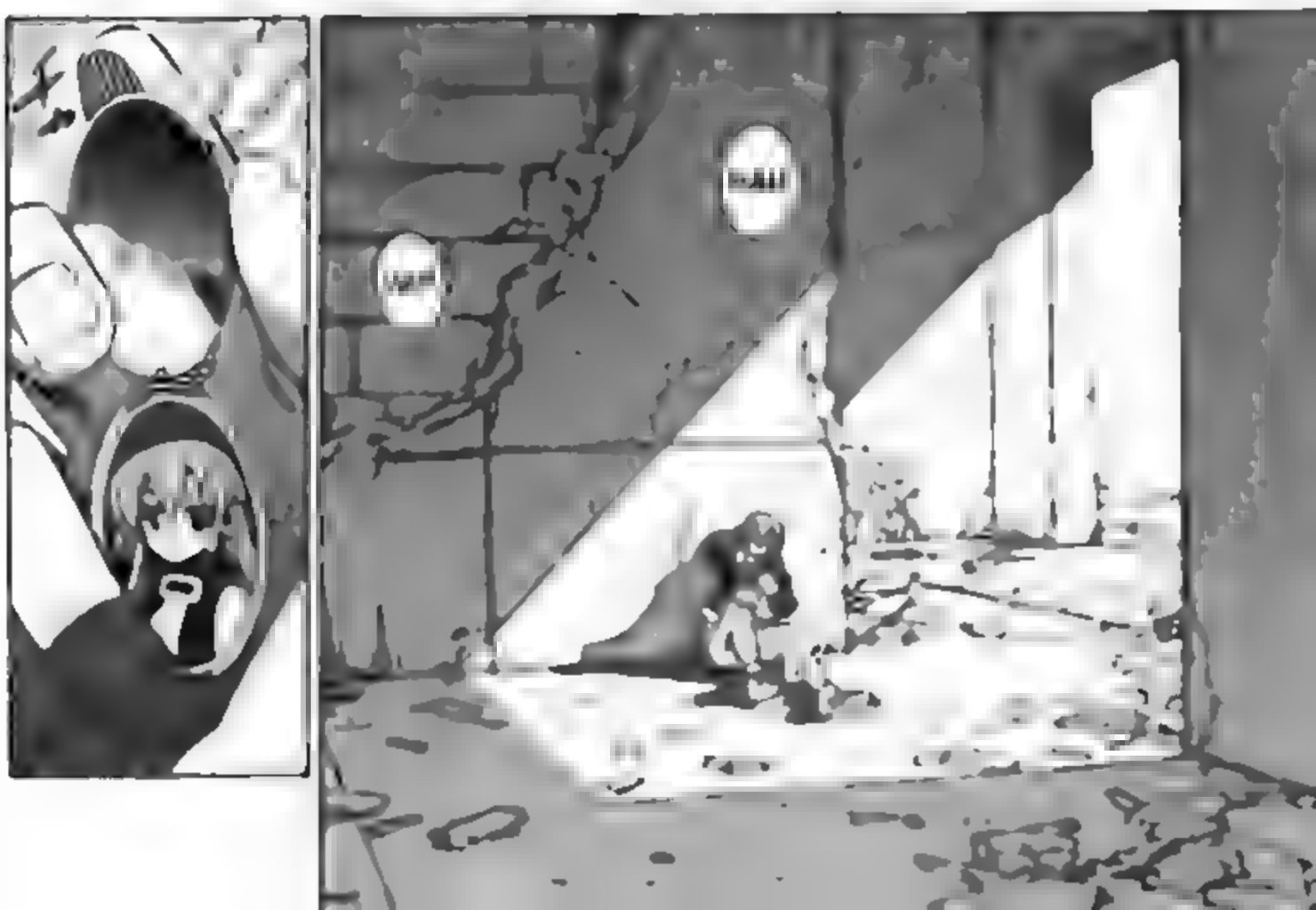
IT'S ...
THE SAME ...
ドドドド
DRAB

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ...
HUH?
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE WORKING FOR SIMEON!

WAAA AAAH !
STAY BACK !!
!!
.....
.....
I DON'T LIKE 'IM.
.....
WHAT'S WITH HIM ?

HAH
HAH
HAH


I WON'T BE FOOLED LIKE THAT AGAIN!
EVERYONE ELSE WAS KILLED BY ARCLIGHT BECAUSE OUR FRIENDS BETRAYED US


HAH
HAH

SISTER,
HE HE HEH ...
スル
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
DO YOU MISS YOUR SISTER?
!!

AH
...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
AA
AA
AH
H!
!!

YOU'LL MEET HER SOON

NO NEED TO WORRY.

TINK

TINK

AH...

BINGO.

YOU'RE ...

WITH ARCLIGHT ..

ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE SECRET OF SIMEON ...

WILL BE ANNIHILATED!
全て消滅せよ!!
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#3 PROLOGUE III
#3 プロローグ篇 Ⅲ

Tempest Shred!

WAA AAA AH!

DON'T ASK ME.

JUST UP AND RUN LIKE THAT ?

WHY WOULD THAT KID ...

?

GOING AFTER CRUZ, THEN.

YOU TWO ARE

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DEACTIVATION, IT SENT ITS LOCATION TO SIMEON HEADQUARTERS.

THE TESTAMENT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT A DEVELOPMENT BY SIMEON.

WHO CARES WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM, ANYWAY?
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY SHOW UP AROUND HERE LOOKING FOR CRUZ.
THE NEEDLESS HUNT !
YOU'VE HEARD OF IT, RIGHT ?
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ?
.....
HM.
.....
I'VE HEARD OF IT.
EVERYONE'S HEARD OF IT IN THE BLACK SPOT NEARBY.
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
THE NEEDLESS HUNT !?

IT APPEARS NEEDLESS ARE GETTING ATTACKED ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
THEY'VE BEEN FINDING A HUGE NUMBER OF CORPSES AND BODY PARTS...
YES. ON TOP OF WHICH ...
IT'S BEEN RUMORED SIMEON IS BEHIND IT.
!!
SIMEON
SIMEON IS A PHARMACEUTICALS COMPANY THAT'S BEEN THE BOSS OF "THE CITY" FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS
THEY EVEN HELP OUT CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS. YOU'LL HEAR NOTHING BUT PRAISE FROM 'CITIZENS'

BUT THAT'S ALL JUST A FRONT.
BEHIND THE SCENES, THEY DO NUMEROUS HUMAN EXPERIMENTS,
TRY TO DEVELOP MIRACLE ANTI-AGING DRUGS, AND SELL THEM HIGHLY TO THE NOBLE CLASS...

stomp
YOU NEVER SMELL RIGHT!
THAT DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT.

!
THEY'LL PROBABLY BURN THIS WHOLE AREA TO THE GROUND.
OUR ENEMY ISN'T ONE FOR COMPLEX METHODS.
IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE,

FROM SIMEON'S PERSPECTIVE, NOT ONLY DID A REBEL ESCAPE, BUT THE TESTAMENT WAS DESTROYED AS WELL.
NEXT TIME, THEY'LL SEND A BETTER ASSASSIN THAN A TESTAMENT.
HE MEANS ...
.....
BETTER THAN A TESTAMENT ?
YOU MEAN
.....
NO MISTAKE.
YEAH.
NEED-LESS.

GOOD.
I'LL DELIVER THEIR DIVINE PUNISHMENT.
この俺が
天罰を下してやろう

WAAH!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
TELL ME!
HE HE HEH ...
YOU DIDN'T SEE ?

MY ZANSHI - THREADS THAT CAN SEVER ANYTHING!

HE'S ...
INHUMAN ...
ひっ
YOU JUST NOTICED ?
YES- I'M ...

KANDATA STRING!
GYAAAAH!
ニードレスだ
NEEDLESS!

SISTER
ARC
...
BEFORE I KILL YOU, I HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION,
BOY.
WHERE IS THE PRIEST ?

THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW.
EVEN IF YOU WON'T TELL ME WHERE HE IS,
HO-HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?!
SO YOU DO KNOW HIM, THEN.
!?
WE CAN ALWAYS SEARCH FOR HIS CORPSE AFTER WE BURN THIS WHOLE AREA TO THE GROUND.
HA HA HA HA ...
PATHETIC ...
YOU'RE SO SCARED YOU'VE GONE CRAZY!
B... BUT,
I THOUGHT HE WAS ONE OF YOU!

NOW -
DIE.
OH, NO !!
WHAT HAVE I DONE !?
!!
GUESS YOU FOUND ME OUT.

GET UP AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN, YAMADA!
FATHER !?
F ...

MY, MY ...
THANKS FOR STOPPING BY.
YOU SAVED ME THE TIME OF LOOKING FOR YOU.

HMPH.
I DUNNO WHAT GOT INTO YOUR HEAD, KID,
BUT IF YOU GET ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES, REPENT, AND WORSHIP ME, I'LL SAVE YOU.

B-BUT THIS GUY'S A NEEDLESS!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, FATHER, YOU CAN'T HANDLE HIM!
ONE NEEDLESS?
BUT WE HAVE TWO, RIGHT HERE.
HUH!?

SO WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR FRAGMENT
WHEN YOU WERE FIGHTING THAT TESTAMENT?!
YOU'RE A NEEDLESS, TOO, FATHER ?!
YUP.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ONE, THEN.
?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! ALL NEEDLESS HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES!
A NEEDLESS WITHOUT AN ABILITY CAN'T EXI...
THAT'S ENOUGH.

KANDATA STRING

!!!
!?
WHA
...
BLADE
!!

HE HE HEH ..
WHOOPS
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.
THESE STRINGS WERE SAID TO BE BESTOWED BY GOD TO KANDATA OF THE UNDERWORLD
I AM 'KANDATA STRING' KAFKA.
IT'S SAID THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO CUT THROUGH

神だけだ
GOD HIMSELF!
FATHER !!
GOOD FOR YOU, BLADE.
YOU TWO SEEM PRETTY COMPATIBLE.
.....
HA HA ...

WH
...
THE FATHER IS GOING TO DIE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
!!
CUT THROUGH GOD?
THREADS THAT CAN

THAT MEANS I'M STRONGER THAN GOD!
HILARIOUS!
面白え

THERE'S NO ONE THAT CAN BREAK MY STRINGS!
THAT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE!
STAY BACK!
I'LL KILL THE KID!
ACCEPT YOUR JUDGEMENT FROM GOD.
.....
JUST TRY IT.

WHA...
WHAAAAAAAAT?!
IM-
ゴゴゴゴ?!

馬鹿な!!
IMPOSSIBLE!
SPIDER-FREAK!
DON'T TOUCH ME WITH THOSE DISGUSTING HANDS,